

CABINET – 13 NOVEMBER 2018

EXTRACT MINUTE

5. PROGRESS OF SCRUTINY OF EXECUTIVE DECISIONS

Members were advised that the Cabinet's decision dated 16 October 2018 in respect of the introduction of residents' parking concessions on off-street car parks in the Borough had been called in for scrutiny and considered by the Overview and Scrutiny Board on 12 November. After consideration of the Cabinet's decision to approve the implementation of the proposed scheme on the terms set out in the report and to refer the scheme for review by the Overview and Scrutiny Board after one year, the Overview and Scrutiny Board made the following recommendations to the Cabinet:

1. Maintain free winter car parking (November-March in the selected car parks referred to in the report)
2. Adopt the proposed permit scheme for residents' discounted parking (through offer of a free 'virtual' residents' pass referred to in the report)
3. After one calendar year (January - December 2019), Overview and Scrutiny to review the budgetary (and wider) outcomes of the proposed permit scheme for residents' discounted parking (in time to inform any future winter proposals and budget planning)
4. Scarborough Borough Council (responsible for 'off-street' parking) to continue working with North Yorkshire County Council (responsible for 'on-street' parking) to streamline the various car parking schemes operating within the Borough to support clarity of understanding of parking schemes for the public

Councillor Mallory moved a Cabinet response to the Overview and Scrutiny Board's recommendations which was seconded and approved. Members then commented on the call-in. Councillor Nock decried Councillor Jefferson for not objecting to the County Council's decision to increase the cost of the on-street residents car parking permit from £17 to £30 without consultation. The Cabinet's decision by contrast had been the subject of extensive public consultation. With the permission of the Chairman, Councillor Jefferson responded that she had raised objections and had indeed called for a full review of the residents on-street car parking scheme. Councillor Turner commented that she fully supported the benefits the residents car parking discount scheme would bring, but these benefits came with a cost, and she saw no problem with the proposed £1 winter charge subsidising the scheme. At the permission of the Chairman, Mr James Corrigan addressed the Cabinet. He supported a holistic review of car parking charges but criticised the proposal to introduce a £1 winter charge which he felt would penalise dog walkers. He suggested the introduction of parking meters along Sandside and Foreshore Road to help defray the cost of the residents car parking discount scheme.

RESOLVED that the Cabinet recommends to full Council that:

- (i) The Council implements the proposed residents car parking discount scheme for a trial period of 12 months from 1 March 2019. This would be at an estimated cost of £84k to be funded from the predicted 2018/19 outturn underspend.
- (ii) The proposal to implement the winter charging scheme is deferred
- (iii) The Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Board is requested to establish a Member/Officer Task Group to holistically review car parking charges in the context of the Council's budgetary pressures, and the outcomes of the

implementation of the residents car parking discount scheme, specifically the impact on the future Town Centre Strategy. The Task Group would be mindful that the cost of implementing the residents car parking discount scheme for 2019/20 is estimated to be £84k and that funding would be provided for one year, and therefore the Overview and Scrutiny Board's recommendations must look to bridge the funding gap plus any other budgetary pressures to ensure future financial sustainability. Further, the Overview and Scrutiny Board would be required to report to the Cabinet with its recommendations before November 2019, to enable winter charging to be introduced in 2019/20 if required.